

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

SECOM-D-139

18 March 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Acting Director of Security

FROM: [REDACTED]
Deputy Director of Community Affairs

SUBJECT: Proposed Charter Legislation

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1. I was informed by [REDACTED] OLC/OGC, that he does not share concern about the proposed security authorities in S.2284 nor does he intend to pursue SECOM's expression of concern and proposed fix. His reason - NSA and DoD would object to our proposed changes to the NSA section. He was not sure why he did not want to try to get the DCI authority to establish "common" rather than "minimum" security standards. Nonetheless, Burke was of the opinion that Executive Orders take precedence over legislation. I doubt it.

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2. Jerry Rubino was kind enough to provide me a copy of a buck slip prepared by Justice's Deputy Counsel for Intelligence Policy regarding our proposed changes. Interesting to note that it was DoD's General Counsel who specifically requested the word "minimum." Copy attached.

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3. NSA's [REDACTED] a member of NSA General Counsel and reportedly the principal crafter of the NSA security language during the closed session of lawyers who drew up the various portions of the bill, also objects to the SECOM proposals.

4. It must be noted that the objections to change are not based on legal problems. They are based on reluctance to face down the perceived strength of shouting by some non-DCI lawyers.

5. This concern about the relative authorities is real and not one of perception. The concern stems from years of association with NSA and having to live with their dogmatic approach. I do not believe that the intelligence community would honestly approve and endorse legislation giving NSA authority to prescribe and enforce security rules, regulation procedures, standards and requirements with respect to personnel security clearances, authorization for access to facilities and information, physical security of facilities, equipment and information in order to protect SI.

6. I find it inconceivable that we will allow NSA to have legislative authority to require CIA to submit their background investigations and adjudications on CIA personnel to NSA should NSA believe it required to do so to assist the Director of NSA in the fulfillment of his responsibilities under this security section of the bill.

7. Something must be done.

8. I propose a strong memorandum to the DCI from you as Director of Security, CIA, and as Acting Chairman, SECOM, coordinated as necessary with OGC, and ask the DCI to resolve this matter.

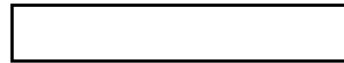
9. I also suggest that such a memorandum be routed to the DDO, DDS&T, NFAC and DDA for endorsement.

10. There is a draft of such a memorandum attached for your signature.

11. From the SECOM viewpoint I will prepare material covering information from [redacted] for members of SECOM and deliver it at the 2 April meeting. I would encourage them to seek support of their principals in a manner similar to what I have proposed doing in CIA.

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12. I recommend you sign the attached memorandum to the DCI and endorse and support the proposed SECOM action.




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Attachments

Copy of relevant Sections of the Bill S.2284
Copy of the SECOM-M-230, dated 26 February 1980
Copy of Justice's Buck slip dated March 3, 1980
Letter to DCI
Background material

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